

Q7. If you are under 12 and making a submission, we will need to contact you to ask your parent or guardian to confirm to us that they are happy for you to send us your views.

No Response

Your Views On The Proposal

Q8. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposed Bill? (please note this is a compulsory question)

Fully supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response.

This is proven as an effective solution to preventing drug deaths elsewhere, and with the shockingly high rate of drug deaths in Scotland, something radical of this sort needs to be done in order to help alleviate this public health crisis.

Q9. Do you think legislation is required, or are there are other ways in which the Bill's aims could be achieved more effectively? Please explain the reasons for your response.

I think given that some members of the public may feel this is a controversial proposal, it is best to legislate for in order to ensure that it is carried out as effectively and as transparently as possible with clear boundaries and standards.

Q10. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal to establish overdose prevention centres?

Fully supportive

Please explain the reasons for your response.

As before, the proven effectiveness of overdose prevention centres is a convincing solution to the drug death epidemic in Scotland.

Q11. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal for a licensing regime to enable the establishment of overdose prevention centres?

Fully supportive

Please provide reasons for your response, including on the proposed conditions for licensing (see pages 12 to 14 of the consultation document) and on the proposal that health and social care partnerships are responsible for licensing and scrutinising OPCs?

Licensing must be carried out by the experts in the field and thus I am fully supportive of the appropriate health and social care partner oversight.

Q12. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal for a new body, the Scottish Drugs Deaths Council?

Fully supportive

Please provide reasons for your response, including views on the proposed functions of the SDDC (see pages 14 to 16 of the consultation document) and on how it should operate in practice.

It shows a commitment to tackling this shocking epidemic in Scotland. The effect of drug deaths is tragic and the government need a continuous and constant focus on this issue with the proper scrutiny and oversight.

Financial Implications

Q13. Any new law can have a financial impact which would affect individuals, businesses, the public sector, or others. What financial impact do you think this proposal could have if it became law?

some increase in costs

Please explain the reasons for your answer, including who you would expect to feel the financial impact of the proposal, and if there are any ways you think the proposal could be delivered more cost-effectively.

I expect this would be funded by the taxpayer ultimately, but the cost would be minimal relative to other tax-funded health and social care programmes.

Equalities

Q14. Any new law can have an impact on different individuals in society, for example as a result of their age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership status, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

What impact could this proposal have on particular people if it became law? If you do not have a view skip to next question.

Please explain the reasons for your answer and if there are any ways you think the proposal could avoid negative impacts on particular people.

There could be further class stigma placed upon the users, however I believe the proposal provides enough mitigation in terms of its implementation and delivery to ensure privacy and reduce individual impact.

Sustainability

Q15. Any new law can impact on work to protect and enhance the environment, achieve a sustainable economy, and create a strong, healthy, and just society for future generations.

Do you think the proposal could impact in any of these areas? If you do not have a view then skip to next question.

Please explain the reasons for your answer, including what you think the impact of the proposal could be, and if there are any ways you think the proposal could avoid negative impacts?

This ultimately will help to create a healthier society by making steps towards preventing drug deaths. It also demonstrates and encourages social responsibility, which is another positive.